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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1982

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	MARCH 1982	FEBRUARY 1982	JANUARY 1981	MARCH 1981
Total civilian labor force[a]	11,995	12,004	11,916	11,729
Total civilian employment	10,865	10,935	11,878	10,887
Total unemployment	1,130	1,069	1,038	842
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	9.4	8.9	8.7	7.2
Range[b]	8.7–10.1	8.3–9.5	8.1–9.3	6.6–7.8
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	9.0	8.8	8.5	7.3
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	11,953	11,946	11,907	11,693
Total civilian employment	10,797	10,801	10,789	10,822
Total unemployment	1,156	1,145	1,117	871
Unadjusted rate (percent)	9.7	9.6	9.4	7.5
Range[b]	9.1–10.3	9.0–10.2	8.7–10.1	6.9–8.1

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 8.9 percent in February to 9.4 percent in March. During March 1981, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.2 percent. The total number of people unemployed in California increased to 1,130,000 — a new high and the fourth consecutive month that California's unemployment has exceeded one million. During the year since March 1981, the number of people unemployed in California has increased by 288,000. The unemployment rate for the United States increased to 9.0 percent in March 1982, representing total unemployment of 9,854,000.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased by 28,600 to 10,033,000 in March. This monthly increase is approximately 15,000 less than would be expected at this time of year. The number of jobs in the construction and durable goods manufacturing industries, which usually increases during March, declined by 7,000 and 5,300 respectively. The wholesale and retail trade industries had the most real, nonseasonal growth during the month. Employment in the finance and the services industries increased slightly; however, the increase was due mostly to normal seasonal expansion. During February the average weekly earnings in manufacturing decreased to $353.00 while the average number of hours worked decreased by 0.5 to 39.1.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION[1] IN CALIFORNIA[2]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	MARCH 1982	FEBRUARY 1982	JANUARY 1982	MARCH 1981
Total				
Labor Force	11,953	11,946	11,907	11,696
Employed	10,797	10,801	10,789	10,826
Unemployed	1,156	1,145	1,117	869
Unemployment Rate	9.7	9.6	9.4	7.4
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,359	6,389	6,320	6,195
Employed	5,732	5,818	5,770	5,768
Unemployed	628	571	551	428
Unemployment Rate	9.9	8.9	8.7	6.9
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	4,820	4,784	4,767	4,615
Employed	4,452	4,405	4,378	4,319
Unemployed	368	379	389	295
Unemployment Rate	7.6	7.9	8.2	6.4
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	774	773	819	885
Employed	614	578	642	739
Unemployed	161	195	117	147
Unemployment Rate	20.8	25.3	21.6	16.6
White				
Labor Force	10,267	10,270	10,286	10,168
Employed	9,291	9,294	9,353	9,462
Unemployed	977	977	933	705
Unemployment Rate	9.5	9.5	9.1	6.9
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,686	1,676	1,621	1,527
Employed	1,506	1,507	1,437	1,364
Unemployed	179	168	184	163
Unemployment Rate	10.6	10.0	11.3	10.7

1/ Civilian, noninstitutional population, age 16 and over. Population data are provisional and will be revised at a later date. Estimates of population used herein may differ from those published by the California Department of Finance.

2/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	February 1982	January 1982	February 1981	February 1982	January 1982	February 1981	February 1982	January 1982	February 1981
California	$353.46	$356.80	$321.08	39.1	39.6	39.3	$9.04	$9.01	$8.17

[a] Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR MARCH 1982
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
— DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY —

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH MAR 82	PREVIOUS MONTH FEB 82	YEAR AGO MAR 81	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,033.0	10,004.4	9,952.0	28.6	81.0	0.3	0.8
Mining	49.0	49.2	45.4	−0.2	3.6	−0.4	7.9
Metal Mining	2.2	2.3	2.4	−0.1	−0.2	−4.3	−8.3
Fuel Mining	39.7	39.7	35.7	0.0	4.0	0.0	11.2
Nonmetal Mining	7.1	7.2	7.3	−0.1	−0.2	−1.4	−2.7
Construction	385.9	392.9	424.4	−7.0	−38.5	−1.8	−9.1
General Building Contractors	100.8	103.0	107.6	−2.2	−6.8	−2.1	−6.3
Heavy Construction	80.0	81.5	88.5	−1.5	−8.5	−1.8	−9.6
Special Trade Contractors	205.1	208.4	228.3	−3.3	−23.2	−1.6	−10.2
Manufacturing	1,955.9	1,958.9	2,004.8	−3.0	−48.9	−0.2	−2.4
Nondurable Goods	622.5	620.2	629.6	2.3	−7.1	0.4	−1.1
Durable Goods	1,333.4	1,338.7	1,375.2	−5.3	−41.8	−0.4	−3.0
Food and Kindred	169.7	167.2	172.5	2.5	−2.8	1.5	−1.6
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	10.2	12.1	9.8	−1.9	0.4	−15.7	4.1
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	40.0	36.2	44.3	3.8	−4.3	10.5	−9.7
Other Food and Kindred Products	119.5	118.9	118.4	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.9
Textile Mill Products	13.1	13.2	13.8	−0.1	−0.7	−0.8	−5.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	107.7	108.5	107.9	−0.8	−0.2	−0.7	−0.2
Paper and Allied Products	38.0	38.2	38.6	−0.2	−0.6	−0.5	−1.6
Printing and Publishing	124.4	124.0	124.7	0.4	−0.3	0.3	−0.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	66.2	66.3	67.1	−0.1	−0.9	−0.2	−1.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	29.7	29.6	29.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	1.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	62.5	61.8	64.8	0.7	−2.3	1.1	−3.5
Leather and Leather Products	11.2	11.4	11.0	−0.2	0.2	−1.8	1.8
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	45.1	45.4	55.6	−0.3	−10.5	−0.7	−18.9
Furniture and Fixtures	52.0	51.9	56.1	0.1	−4.1	0.2	−7.3
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	53.7	54.2	56.0	−0.5	−2.3	−0.9	−4.1
Primary Metal Industries	53.0	53.3	55.5	−0.3	−2.5	−0.6	−4.5
Fabricated Metal Products	150.0	151.2	160.1	−1.2	−10.1	−0.8	−6.3
Machinery except Electrical	229.9	229.9	235.0	0.0	−5.1	0.0	−2.2
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	342.2	342.9	342.3	−0.7	−0.1	−0.2	−0.0
Transportation Equipment	264.0	266.4	272.9	−2.4	−8.9	−0.9	−3.3
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	35.3	35.7	34.4	−0.4	0.9	−1.1	2.6
Aircraft and Parts	138.2	140.3	149.9	−2.1	−11.7	−1.5	−7.8
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	23.1	23.2	24.1	−0.1	−1.0	−0.4	−4.1
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	61.6	61.3	58.6	0.3	3.0	0.5	5.1
Other Transportation Equipment	5.8	5.9	5.9	−0.1	−0.1	−1.7	−1.7
Instruments and Related Products	102.4	102.6	101.7	−0.2	0.7	−0.2	0.7
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	41.1	40.9	40.0	0.2	1.1	0.5	2.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	548.2	546.5	543.2	1.7	5.0	0.3	0.9
Transportation	291.0	289.4	293.5	1.6	−2.5	0.6	−0.9
Railroads	29.7	29.8	30.4	−0.1	−0.7	−0.3	−2.3
Trucking and Warehousing	115.4	113.1	111.8	2.3	3.6	2.0	3.2
Other Transportation	145.9	146.5	151.3	−0.6	−5.4	−0.4	−3.6
Communications	185.7	185.6	178.5	0.1	7.2	0.1	4.0
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	71.5	71.5	71.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4
Wholesale Trade	610.9	606.4	589.3	4.5	21.6	0.7	3.7
Retail Trade	1,711.8	1,710.2	1,669.1	1.6	42.7	0.1	2.6
General Merchandise Stores	231.3	235.3	234.6	−4.0	−3.3	−1.7	−1.4
Food Stores	254.5	253.2	243.4	1.3	11.1	0.5	4.6
Other Retail Trade	1,226.0	1,221.7	1,191.1	4.3	34.9	0.4	2.9
Finance Insurance and Real Estate	657.2	654.3	640.7	2.9	16.5	0.4	2.6
Finance	326.7	325.8	314.8	0.9	11.9	0.3	3.8
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	188.2	187.7	184.9	0.5	3.3	0.3	1.8
Real Estate	127.2	125.8	126.8	1.4	0.4	1.1	0.3
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	15.1	15.0	14.2	0.1	0.9	0.7	6.3
Services	2,326.1	2,308.6	2,231.2	17.5	94.9	0.8	4.3
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	125.8	125.3	118.1	0.5	7.7	0.4	6.5
Personal Services	104.7	103.9	105.2	0.8	−0.5	0.8	−0.5
Business Services	498.8	494.8	476.5	4.0	22.3	0.8	4.7
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	136.9	135.6	133.6	1.3	3.3	1.0	2.5
Motion Pictures	84.6	84.0	83.0	0.6	1.6	0.7	1.9
Amusement and Recreation Services	100.8	97.9	93.1	2.9	7.7	3.0	8.3
Health Services	601.5	598.5	575.6	3.0	25.9	0.5	4.5
Other Services	673.0	668.6	646.1	4.4	26.9	0.7	4.2
Government	1,788.0	1,777.4	1,803.9	10.6	−15.9	0.6	−0.9
Federal Government	322.9	322.6	323.7	0.3	−0.8	0.1	−0.2
State and Local Governments	1,465.1	1,454.8	1,480.2	10.3	−15.1	0.7	−1.0
County	229.7	228.7	234.5	1.0	−4.8	0.4	−2.0
City	180.9	179.8	187.9	1.1	−7.0	0.6	−3.7
Education	806.7	798.7	810.1	8.0	−3.4	1.0	−0.4
Education State	147.0	146.0	146.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7
Education Local	659.7	652.7	664.1	7.0	−4.4	1.1	−0.7
Other State and Local	247.8	247.6	247.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Other State	171.3	171.3	172.9	0.0	−1.6	0.0	−0.9
Special District	76.5	76.3	74.8	0.2	1.7	0.3	2.3
Total Agriculture	272.3	270.1	272.8	2.2	−0.5	0.8	−0.2

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
MARCH 1982

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	11,945,900	10,800,900	1,145,000	9.6
Alameda	590,800	541,275	49,525	8.4
Alpine	950	900	50	4.3
Amador	7,600	6,375	1,225	16.3
Butte	66,950	56,325	10,625	15.9
Calaveras	8,700	7,175	1,525	17.5
Colusa	6,600	5,500	1,100	16.5
Contra Costa	347,700	321,400	26,300	7.6
Del Norte	8,050	5,775	2,275	28.3
El Dorado	38,025	32,900	5,125	13.5
Fresno	277,400	234,900	42,500	15.3
Glenn	10,700	9,175	1,525	14.3
Humboldt	50,775	41,500	9,275	18.3
Imperial	44,350	33,200	11,150	25.1
Inyo	10,100	9,250	850	8.4
Kern	198,900	175,500	23,400	11.7
Kings	29,900	25,100	4,800	16.1
Lake	13,500	11,300	2,200	16.3
Lassen	9,250	7,325	1,925	20.8
Los Angeles	3,743,100	3,432,300	310,800	8.3
Madera	30,200	26,050	4,150	13.7
Marin	115,375	108,975	6,400	5.5
Mariposa	4,450	3,675	775	17.3
Mendocino	31,175	25,350	5,825	18.7
Merced	63,125	51,475	11,650	18.5
Modoc	4,825	4,150	675	13.8
Mono	4,850	4,425	425	8.6
Monterey	140,000	117,300	22,700	16.2
Napa	40,000	36,125	3,875	9.7
Nevada	23,025	19,575	3,450	15.0
Orange	1,183,600	1,111,400	72,200	6.1
Placer	59,125	51,800	7,325	12.4
Plumas	7,625	5,500	2,125	27.8
Riverside	268,500	238,100	30,400	11.3
Sacramento	390,350	346,125	44,225	11.3
San Benito	11,575	8,775	2,800	24.1
San Bernardino	359,400	321,400	38,000	10.6
San Diego	815,100	742,600	72,500	8.9
San Francisco	357,900	332,475	25,425	7.1
San Joaquin	171,600	139,600	32,000	18.6
San Luis Obispo	68,950	63,350	5,600	8.1
San Mateo	305,150	287,600	17,550	5.8
Santa Barbara	156,800	144,100	12,700	8.1
Santa Clara	803,800	741,600	62,200	7.7
Santa Cruz	91,200	77,200	14,000	15.3
Shasta	52,975	42,125	10,850	20.5
Sierra	1,250	875	375	30.3
Siskiyou	17,950	13,200	4,750	26.5
Solano	96,950	85,675	11,275	11.6
Sonoma	144,600	128,700	15,900	11.0
Stanislaus	140,500	111,300	29,200	20.8
Sutter	23,875	17,575	6,300	26.4
Tehama	15,850	13,050	2,800	17.7
Trinity	4,950	3,450	1,500	30.2
Tulare	123,750	108,700	15,050	12.2
Tuolumne	14,475	11,650	2,825	19.5
Ventura	257,300	232,100	25,200	9.8
Yolo	58,950	50,100	8,850	15.0
Yuba	21,900	16,725	5,175	23.6

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1970 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.